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FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

When To Breed Cattle

Almost everyone can remember dividual cows that have settled less n a month after calving. This is e exception, not the rule. Accord- to a study in the Cornell college ed, (Trimberger, George W. — urnal of Dairy Science, Septem- 1954) it is obviously unwise to ed cows sooner than 50 days er calving. A group of 26 cows d an average of 40.9 days after ing required an average of 100.- days after calving to become gnant. Only 31% settled on first vice. Another group of 24 cows d an average of 55.3 days after ing required an average of 74.- ays after calving to beocme preg- t. On first service, 67% settled. waiting 15 days longer to breed, cows were with calf 28 days ier on the average.

Cows bred 40.9 days, on the aver- , after calving required 2.52 rvices per conception. Cows bred days, an the average, required 3 services per conception, with settling on first service. Cows d over 90 days after calving re- ired 1.54 services per conception h 76% settling on first service.

What About Feeding Steers?

Farm income for Appomattox mers may be increased with the dition of steers to the farming eration. To help you determine if s a practice is sound for your ning operation, Curtis Mast, Beef ttle Specialist, will be here Thurs- evening, January 12th, 7:30 P. , at the Court House.

Dairy Management Short Course Set

Appomattox County dairymen are ged to attend a four-day course of nsive study at V. P. I., January - 12th.

This short course is designed to lp those who wish to review, or tain the latest information on bjects related to dairy cattle man- ement. The school will cover feed- , forages, pastures, maintaining althy herds, marketing, labor sav- , and current research.

Open to anyone interested who is years or older, the short course ll begin at 1 P. M., Monday, Jan- ry 9, with a discussion on "The ad Ahead in Dairying," by Dr. G. C. Graf, head of the VPI depart- ment of dairy science.

VPI staff members who will serve as instructors are: Dr. W. B. Bell, Dr. W. B. Hoag, Dr. J. O. Rowell, Dr. S. L. Kalison, Guy J. Nageotte, Dr. W. A. Hardison, Paul M. Reeves, R. A. Sandy, Dr. Roy E. Blaser, Dr. M. F. Ellmore, Dr. R. W. Engel, W. S. Griffith, Dr. V. L. Baldwin, Kenneth E. Loope, George A. Miller, W. N. Patterson, and G. D. Kite. Also scheduled to speak at VPI Dean of Agriculture, L. B. Dietrick, and R. G. Connelly, manager, Virginia Milk Producers Federation.

Tours and open forums also are planned.

Registration fee is $4.00, payable at time of registration.

More Animals Per Acre Can Mean More Diseases

More animals per acre (the modern day agricultural trend) can also mean more disease trouble if the farmer doesn't follow some preventive practices.

When a disease outbreak does occur, it is more severe where livestock populations are concentrated than where there are few animals.

Procedures will vary with individual farms, but generally speakingng, the following program will aid the farmer in controlling disease:

1. Isolate for 30 to 60 days all animals bought before adding them to the herd, then retest them for TB, burcellosis, etc., as seems indicated.

2. Raise calves under proper conditions (individual pens, or pens for only a limited number, etc.).

3. For hogs, use the routine vaccinations available, and provide proper farrowing quarters.

4. Attend to cleanliness, sanitation, and proper nutrition — important safeguards against disease.

Topdress Alfalfa

Each ton of alfalfa removes 12 pounds of phosphorus and 45 pounds of potash from the soil. Alfalfa also needs a neutral, or only slightly acid soil reaction before it will grow well. Under Appomattox County conditions a pH of between 6.5 and 7.0 is considered the best range for top production. Soil should be tested every two or three years, and lime should be applied as necessary to keep the pH in the proper range.

Annual topdressing of fertilizer will assure an adequate supply of plant food. Here again a soil test will help determine the rate and analysis of fertilizer to use.

An 0-10-20 fertilizer with borax is generally considered best to use in topdressing alfalfa since it supplies a higher amount of potash. It is usually satisfactory to topdress with 800 to 1,000 pounds annually, unless you are sure the soil is highly fertile. On fertile soils, 600 pounds may be enough, and on high potash soils, an 0-14-14 borated fertilizer may be used instead of the 0-10-20. Where orchard grass is planted with alfalfa, 0-10-20 should be used. The reason is that orchard grass is a strong competitor for potash, an ingredient that is neecssary for a high level of production.

Cost Outlook

Agricultural economists at V. P. I. point out that farmers spend four times as much annually for non-farm goods and services as they did during 1935-39. Price increases account for only about half of these expenditures. With this increase in the cash cost of production, it is more important for farmers to improve their managerial ability.

Because of the rapid capital turnover it is easier for farmers to "go broke" now than it was 10 years ago.

Prices paid by farmers for production items declined slighlty from July to September and were down about 1% from a year earlier. Lower feed prices have contributed materially to this decline.

Feed in Record Supply

Feed, an important production item on many Virginia farms, is in record supply. The supply of the four feed grains (corn, barley, oats, and grain sorghum) is about 10% above the record supply of a year ago. The amount of grain per grain-consuming animal is about 8% above the 5-year average. The high protein feed supply is up and prices are down about 20 to 25%. The economists say the drop in protein prices relative to feed grains may warrant another look at grain rations in order to take advantage of the price relationship.

Hay, which is generally plentiful in most areas of Virginia and the the southeast, is priced lower than a year ago. There is considerable difference in price of hay between areas because of the cost of shipping. While prices as low as $20 a ton have been quoted, the average has been about 12% to 15% lower than in 1954.

Seed Prices Somewhat Lower

Retail prices of seed were sharply lower in late 1955 than in mid-May, but slighlty higher than during the fall of 1954. Price drops of from 25% to 33% are noted for Kentucky bluegrass, timothey, and tall rescue. Declines of about 10% to 20% are reported for orchard grass, redtop, common rye grass, and improved varieties of alfalfa. Seeds that are higher in price than last spring are ladino and alsike clover. Compared with a year ago, current prices are lower for 15 seeds and higher for 14.

Larger Fertilizer Supplies

Fertilizer supplies during 1955-56 are likely to exceed the 1954-55 supply by about 2.5% with much of the increase coming in nitrogen and potash. Wholesale prices of most nitrogen fertilizers are slightly lower than they were a year ago, but phosphate and potash prices are about the same. Ther is considerable difference in the cost of nitrogen carriers, and it might be wise for a prospective buyer to shop for nitrogen from the cheapest source. This is one way to cut farm costs.

The development of new sources of potash has had a tendency to create a little more competition in the market and to soften potash prices slightly.

Fertilizer production capacity continues to expand, and this expansion may mean lower prices, especially for nitrogen.

Machinery Prices Increase

Reflecting higher labor and material prices, farm machinery prices are up, as are most steel products and building materials. Tractor prices average about 2% higher than a year ago.

Because of high cost of labor, more farmers are looking for ways of improving labor efficiency. For instance, dairymen are buying bulk tanks and pipeline milkers and building milking parlors. This is substituting capital for labor. For many farmers where labor efficiency is important, this is wise since costs of these items have not increased as rapidly as labor costs.

Generally, the economists see no likely decrease in farm machinery and equipment prices in the near future.

NOT SO FRIENDLY

West Covina, Cal.- John H. Wallace, a very friendly man, walked into a bank recently during a holdup. He innocently mistook a man holding a machine gun for a friend, walked up behind him and slapped him on the back. The man whirled, snarled at Wallace and ordered him behind a counter, where four women tellers and several patrons were huddling. The man with his companion scooped up $18,000 in cash from tellers' cages and escaped.

SETTLES TWIN PROBLEM

Seattle, Wash.- When six sets of twins were enrolled in this term's kindergarten at the Lafayette school, problems were foreseen. The solution: Each pair was separated in classrooms. The principal said that helps twins' education, not the teachers.

VEPCO Names New President

Virginia Electric and Power Company Board of Directors, in a special meeting Dec. 29, elected Erwin H. Will as President, to succeed the late Jack G. Holtzclaw. It set up an Executive Committee, naming T. Justin Moore as its Chairman, with Will and Montelle C. Smith the other two members. Donald C. Barnes, Chairman of the Board of Directors, who made the announement, also stated that Miles Cary and Walter I. Dolbeare will assume additional duties as Vice Presidents, and H. Atwood Hitch, Secertary, was elected a Vice President. A. H. McDowell, Jr., who was recently promoted to Division Manager, was named Operations Manager of the system. Ralph Kilday succeeds H. Atwood Hitch as Secretary. All changes became effective January 1, 1956.

Erwin Will steps up to the office of the President from his former position as Vice President and General Manager, which he had held since last year.

T. Justin Moore, a senior member of the law firm of Hunton, Williams, Gay, Moore & Powell, will continue as General Counsel. As in the past, he will also continue in the general practice of law as a senior member of the law firm.

M. C. Smith, who has been in the utility business for 43 years, is retiring as an officer of the Company, but will continue on Vepco's Board of Directors and as a member of the Executive Committee.

Miles Cary, who has been Vice President - Operations, will assume additional duties in connection with engineering and construction activities of the system.

Walter I. Dolbeare, whose present position is that of Vice President - Area Development, will enlarge his duties to include the System Sales Department.

H. Atwood Hitch, Corporate Secretary for the past eight years, is being promoted to the position of Vice President, and will direct the activities of the Corporate Department, Personnel Department and Public Relations Department.

Ralph Kilday has been upped from Assistant Secretary to the position of Secretary.

The top organization under President Will, in addition to Cary, Dolbeare and Hitch, will include S. Edward Ratcliffe, Treasurer, and T. Justin Moore, General Counsel.

Other officers of the Company include E. S. Fitz, Vice President - Engineering and Construction; Tom D. Fulford, Vice President - Sales; and G. E. Kidd, Vice President — Personnel.

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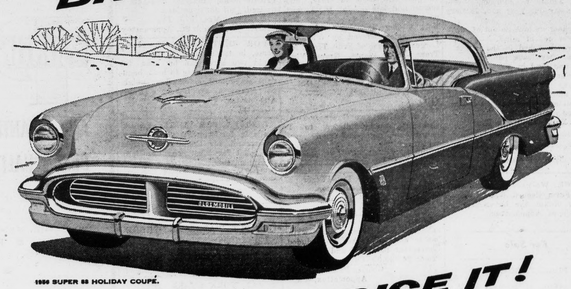
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